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JOHN W. ROMANOWSKI

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

V.

AC&S, INC., ET AL.

NO. C0048AB2002000276

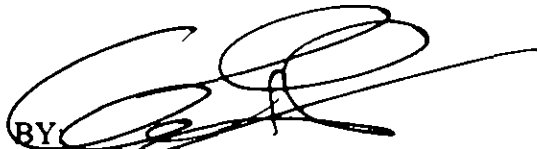
PRAECIPE TO FILE NOTICE OF REMOVAL

TO THE PROTHONOTARY:

Kindly file the attached Notice of Removal in the above-captioned matter.

Respectfully submitted,

LAVIN, COLEMAN, O'NEIL, RICCI,
FINARELLI & GRAY

BY: 

Edward T. Finch, Esquire
Attorney for Defendants,
DaimlerChrysler Corporation,
Ford Motor Company and
General Motors Corporation

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA — DESIGNATION FORM to be used by counsel to indicate the category of the case for the purpose of assignment to appropriate calendar.

Address of Plaintiff: John W. Romanowski
1723 Greenleaf Street
Bethlehem, PA 18017

Address of Defendant: See attached List

Place of Accident, incident or Transaction: Various

(Use Reverse Side for Additional Space)

Does this case involve multidistrict litigation possibilities?

Yes



No



RELATED CASE IF ANY

Case Number: 01-CV-5981

Judge

Date Terminated:

N/A

Civil cases are deemed related when yes is answered to any of the following questions:

1. Is this case related to property included in an earlier numbered suit pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court? Yes ☐ No ☒
2. Does this case involve the same issue of fact or grow out of the same transaction as a prior suit pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court? Yes ☒ No ☐
3. Does this case involve the validity or infringement of a patent already in suit or any earlier numbered case pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court? Yes ☐ No ☒

CIVIL: (Place an ☒ in **ONE CATEGORY ONLY**)

A. Federal Question Cases:

1. ☐ Indemnity Contract, Marine Contract, and All Other Contracts
2. ☐ FELA
3. ☐ Jones Act — Personal Injury
4. ☐ Antitrust
5. ☐ Patent
6. ☐ Labor-Management
7. ☐ Civil Rights
8. ☐ Habeas Corpus
9. ☐ Securities Act(s) Cases
10. ☐ Social Security Review Cases
11. ☒ All other Federal Question Cases
(please specify)-Related to Chapter 11 Filing

B. Diversity Jurisdiction Cases:

1. ☐ Insurance Contract and Other Contracts
2. ☐ Airplane Personal Injury
3. ☐ Assault, Defamation
4. ☐ Marine Personal Injury
5. ☐ Motor Vehicle Personal Injury
6. ☐ Other Personal Injury (Please specify)
7. ☐ Products Liability
8. ☐ Products Liability — Asbestos
9. ☐ All other Diversity Cases
(Please specify)

ARBITRATION CERTIFICATION

(Check appropriate category)

I, _____, counsel of record do hereby certify:

- ☐ Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 53.2, Section 3(c)(2), that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the damages recoverable in this civil action case exceed the sum of \$150,000 exclusive of interest and costs;
- ☐ Relief other than monetary damages is sought.

DATE: _____

Attorney-at-Law

Attorney I.D. #

NOTE: A trial de novo will be a trial by jury only if there has been compliance with F.R.C.P. 38.

I certify that, to my knowledge, the within case is not related to any case now pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court except as noted above.

DATE: _____

Attorney-at-Law

Attorney I.D. #

Defendants (Names and Addresses):

DaimlerChrysler Corporation
1000 Chrysler Drive
Auburn Hills, MI 48326-2766

Ford Motor Company
Parklane Towers West
Suite 1500
Three Parklane Boulevard
Dearborn, MI 48126-2568

General Motors Corporation
400 Renaissance Center
P.O. Box 400
Detroit, MI 48265-4000

Federal-Mogul Global, Inc., individually and/or as parent company, successor in interest, or indemnitor to or of:

Fel-Pro, Inc.,

Ferodo America, Inc.,

Gasket Holdings, Inc., formerly known as Flexitallic Gasket Company,

Moog Automotive Inc., formerly known as Wagner Electric Corporation,

Pneumo Abex Corp., or

T&N plc.

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JS44

(Rev. 12/96)

The JS-44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE REVERSE OF THE FORM.)

I (a) PLAINTIFFS

John W. Romanowski

DEFENDANTS

SEE ATTACHED

(b) COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED PLAINTIFF _____
(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED DEFENDANT _____
(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)
NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED

(c) ATTORNEYS (FIRM NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER)

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Law Offices of Peter G. Angelos, P.C.
60 W. Broad Street - Suite 200
Bethlehem, PA 18018
(610) 866-3333

ATTORNEYS (IF KNOWN)

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Philadelphia, PA 19106
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II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (PLACE AN X IN ONE BOX ONLY)

- ☐ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff
☐ 2 U.S. Government Defendant
☐ 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)
☐ 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (PLACE AN X IN ONE BOX FOR PLAINTIFF AND ONE BOX FOR DEFENDANT)

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|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| | PTF | DEF | | PTF | DEF |
| Citizen of This State | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | Incorporated or Principal Place of Business in This State | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 |
| Citizen of Another State | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | Incorporated and Principal Place of Business in Another State | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 |
| Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | Foreign Nation | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 |

IV. CAUSE OF ACTION (CITE THE U.S. CIVIL STATUTE UNDER WHICH YOU ARE FILING AND WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT OF CAUSE.

DO NOT CITE JURISDICTIONAL STATUTES UNLESS DIVERSITY)

Action for personal injury for asbestos exposure against Federal-Mogul Global, Inc., or companies it purchased and removing defendants, removed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1452(a).

CONTRACT <input type="checkbox"/> 110 Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> 120 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 130 Miller Act <input type="checkbox"/> 140 Negotiable Instrument <input type="checkbox"/> 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment <input type="checkbox"/> 151 Medicare Act <input type="checkbox"/> 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excl. Veterans) <input type="checkbox"/> 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits <input type="checkbox"/> 160 Stockholders Suits <input type="checkbox"/> 190 Other Contract <input type="checkbox"/> 195 Contract Product Liability REAL PROPERTY <input type="checkbox"/> 210 Land Condemnation <input type="checkbox"/> 220 Foreclosure <input type="checkbox"/> 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment <input type="checkbox"/> 240 Torts to Land <input type="checkbox"/> 245 Tort Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 290 All Other Real Property	TORTS PERSONAL INJURY <input type="checkbox"/> 310 Airplane <input type="checkbox"/> 315 Airplane Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 320 Assault, Libel & Slander <input type="checkbox"/> 330 Federal Employers' Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 340 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 345 Marine Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 350 Motor Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 360 Other Personal Injury PERSONAL INJURY <input type="checkbox"/> 362 Personal Injury - Med Malpractice <input type="checkbox"/> 365 Personal Injury - Product Liability <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability PERSONAL PROPERTY <input type="checkbox"/> 370 Other Fraud <input type="checkbox"/> 371 Truth in Lending <input type="checkbox"/> 380 Other Personal Property Damage <input type="checkbox"/> 385 Property Damage Product Liability CIVIL RIGHTS <input type="checkbox"/> 441 Voting <input type="checkbox"/> 442 Employment <input type="checkbox"/> 443 Housing/Accommodations <input type="checkbox"/> 444 Welfare <input type="checkbox"/> 440 Other Civil Rights PRISONER PETITIONS <input type="checkbox"/> 510 Motions to Vacate Sentence <input type="checkbox"/> 520 General <input type="checkbox"/> 535 Death Penalty <input type="checkbox"/> 540 Mandamus & Other <input type="checkbox"/> 550 Other	FORFEITURE/PENALTY <input type="checkbox"/> 610 Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> 620 Other Food & Drug <input type="checkbox"/> 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881 <input type="checkbox"/> 630 Liquor Laws <input type="checkbox"/> 640 R.R. & Truck <input type="checkbox"/> 650 Airline Regs <input type="checkbox"/> 660 Occupational Safety/Health <input type="checkbox"/> 690 Other LABOR <input type="checkbox"/> 710 Fair Labor Standards Act <input type="checkbox"/> 720 Labor/Mgmt. Relations <input type="checkbox"/> 730 Labor/Mgmt. Reporting & Disclosure Act <input type="checkbox"/> 740 Railway Labor Act <input type="checkbox"/> 790 Other Labor Litigation <input type="checkbox"/> 791 Empl Ret Inc Security Act	BANKRUPTCY <input type="checkbox"/> 442 Appeal 28 USC 158 <input type="checkbox"/> 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157 PROPERTY RIGHTS <input type="checkbox"/> 820 Copyrights <input type="checkbox"/> 830 Patents <input type="checkbox"/> 840 Trademark SOCIAL SECURITY <input type="checkbox"/> 861 HIA (139ff) <input type="checkbox"/> 862 Black Lung (923) <input type="checkbox"/> 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g)) <input type="checkbox"/> 864 SSID Title XVI <input type="checkbox"/> 865 RSI (405(g)) FEDERAL TAX SUITS <input type="checkbox"/> 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant) <input type="checkbox"/> 871 IRS - Third Party 26 USC 7609	OTHER STATUTES <input type="checkbox"/> 400 State Reapportionment <input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust <input type="checkbox"/> 430 Banks and Banking <input type="checkbox"/> 450 Commerce/ICC Rates/etc <input type="checkbox"/> 460 Deportation <input type="checkbox"/> 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations <input type="checkbox"/> 810 Selective Service <input type="checkbox"/> 850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange <input type="checkbox"/> 875 Customer Challenge 12 USC 3410 <input type="checkbox"/> 891 Agricultural Act <input type="checkbox"/> 892 Economic Stabilization Act <input type="checkbox"/> 893 Environmental Matters <input type="checkbox"/> 894 Energy Allocation Act <input type="checkbox"/> 895 Freedom of Information Act <input type="checkbox"/> 900 Appeal of Fee Determination Under Equal Access to Justice <input type="checkbox"/> 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes <input type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Actions
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VI. ORIGIN

- (PLACE AN X IN ONE BOX ONLY)
- ☐ 1 Original Proceeding
☒ 2 Removed from State Court
☐ 3 Remanded from Appellate Court
☐ 4 Remanded or Reopened
☐ 5 Transferred from another district (specify) _____
☐ 6 Multidistrict Litigation
☐ 7 Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:

CHECK IF THIS IS A
☐ UNDER F.R.C.P. 23

CLASS ACTION

DEMAND \$
Not Specified

Check YES only if demanded in complaint:

JURY DEMAND ☒ YES ☐ NO

VIII. RELATED CASE(S) (See instructions):

IF ANY

JUDGE

DOCKET NUMBER

01-CV-5981

DATE

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

May 31, 2002

Edward T. Finch, Esquire

RECEIPT# _____ AMOUNT _____ APPLYING IFP _____ JUDGE _____ MAG. JUDGE _____

Defendants (Names and Addresses):

DaimlerChrysler Corporation
1000 Chrysler Driver
Auburn Hills, MI 48326-2766

Ford Motor Company
Parklane Towers West
Suite 1500
Three Parklane Boulevard
Dearborn, MI 48126-2568

General Motors Corporation
400 Renaissance Center
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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

CASE MANAGEMENT TRACK DESIGNATION FORM

JOHN W. ROMANOWSKI

CASE NO.

V.

DAIMLERCHRYSLER CORPORATION
FORD MOTOR COMPANY
GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION
FEDERAL-MOGUL GLOBAL, INC.

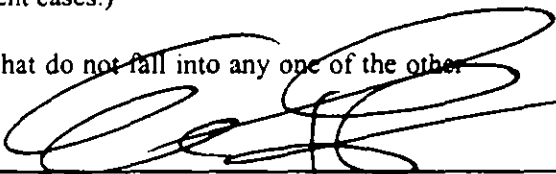
In accordance with the Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan of this court, counsel for plaintiff shall complete a Case Management Track Designation Form in all civil cases at the time of filing the complaint and serve a copy on all defendants. (See §1:03 of the plan set forth on the reverse side of this form.) In the event that a defendant does not agree with the plaintiff regarding said designation, that defendant shall, with its first appearance, submit to the clerk of court and serve on the plaintiff and all other parties, a case management track designation form specifying the track to which that defendant believes the case should be assigned.

SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CASE MANAGEMENT TRACKS:

- (a) Habeas Corpus – Cases brought under 28 U.S.C. §2441 through §2255. ()
- (b) Social Security – Cases requesting review of a decision of the Secretary of Health and Human Services denying plaintiff Social Security Benefits. ()
- (c) Arbitration – Cases required to be designated for arbitration under Local Civil Rule 8. ()
- (d) Asbestos – Cases involving claims for personal injury or property damage from exposure to asbestos. (X)
- (e) Special Management – Cases that do not fall into tracks (a) through (d) that are commonly referred to as complex and that need special or intense management by the court. (See reverse side of this form for a detailed explanation of special management cases.) ()
- (f) Standard Management – Cases that do not fall into any one of the other tracks. ()

May 31, 2002

(Date)


Attorney-at-law

Edward T. Finch, Esquire

Attorney For

DaimlerChrysler Corporation, Ford Motor Company and General
Motors Corporation

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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

JOHN W. ROMANOWSKI

CASE NO. 02-3532

V.

DAIMLERCHRYSLER CORPORATION
FORD MOTOR COMPANY
GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION
FEDERAL-MOGUL GLOBAL, INC.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL

Defendants DaimlerChrysler Corporation, Ford Motor Company and General Motors Corporation (the "automobile manufacturers") hereby give notice of the removal to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania of the claims which have been asserted against them in the action captioned John W. Romanowski v. AC&S, Inc., et al. now pending in the Court of Common Pleas of Northampton County, at No. C0048AB2002000276. This Notice of Removal is filed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1452(a), and as grounds for removal the automobile manufacturers state the following:

1. The action of which the removed claims are a part was commenced in the Court of Common Pleas of Northampton County.
2. The removed claims are those for personal injury or wrongful death asserted against the automobile manufacturers on the basis of alleged exposure to certain of their asbestos-containing products, including brakes and other automotive parts, manufactured for the automobile manufacturers by Federal-Mogul Global, Inc., or companies that it purchased, one or more of which is a co-defendant of the automobile manufacturers.

3. On October 1, 2001 Federal-Mogul Global, Inc. filed a voluntary petition for protection under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code, commencing bankruptcy case number 01-10578 (the "Federal-Mogul Bankruptcy Case") currently pending in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware.

4. The removed claims may be removed to this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1452(a): (i) the removed claims are asserted in a civil action not exempt from removal; and (ii) the Court has jurisdiction of the removed claims under 28 U.S.C. § 1334. All claims asserted against the Removing Defendants are related to the Federal-Mogul Bankruptcy Case, and the continued prosecution, outcome at trial or other resolution of the claims will have an effect on the administration of the Federal-Mogul Bankruptcy Case.

5. Removal to this Court is timely pursuant to Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9027(a)(3) in that the Federal-Mogul Bankruptcy Case was pending when the removed claims were asserted on or after October 1, 2001 and in that this notice has been filed within 30 days of receipt by one or all of the automobile manufacturers of a copy of the initial pleading setting forth the removed claims.

6. Upon removal, the proceedings with respect to the removed claims are non-core. The automobile manufacturers do not consent to entry of a final order or judgment by the bankruptcy judge to the extent the bankruptcy court is authorized to hear or determine such claims consistent with 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(5).

7. The purpose of removal is to facilitate transfer of the removed claims to the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, the district court presiding over the Federal-Mogul Bankruptcy Case, to resolve on a consolidated basis the common threshold scientific issues

concerning whether brakes and other automotive parts cause disease. *See, e.g., In re Dow Corning Corp.*, 1995 W.L. 495978, at *2 (Bankr. E.D. Mich. Aug. 9, 1995) (personal injury tort claims transferred to bankruptcy court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(5) to resolve threshold scientific issues concerning whether silicone breast implants caused disease after removal to federal court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1452(a)).

8. On November 20, 2001, the automobile manufacturers filed in the Federal-Mogul Bankruptcy Case a motion pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(5) to transfer this and all other claims related to brakes and automotive parts for consolidated resolution of the threshold scientific issues concerning whether brakes and other automotive parts cause disease.

9. On December 10, 2001 the Honorable Alfred M. Wolin issued the attached Order provisionally transferring pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(5) the claims asserted against the automobile manufacturers to the United States District Court for the District of Delaware.

10. On January 3, 2002, Judge Wolin issued a letter opinion and order reiterating that all asbestos friction claims against the automobile manufacturers pending in federal courts as of December 10 had been transferred, and ordering any claims removed after December 10 transferred as well. A copy of the Order and Opinion are attached to this Notice.

11. On February 8, 2002, the Honorable Alfred M. Wolin denied the "Motions to Transfer the 'Friction Claims'" and simultaneously remanded the friction products claims. Attached hereto is a copy of said Order.

12. However, on February 11, 2002, the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit granted a Temporary Stay of Judge Wolin's February 8, 2002 Court Order so that the matter could be considered by a three-judge panel of that court. Attached hereto is a copy of said Order.

13. The Removing Defendants file this Notice of Removal to adequately protect the interests of Removing Defendants and to facilitate transfer of these claims to the United States District Court for the District of Delaware pursuant to Judge Wolin's provisional transfer order.

14. The automobile manufacturers will comply with 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d) by promptly giving notice of the filing of this Notice of Removal to all adverse parties to the action pending in the state court and filing a copy of this Notice of Removal with the prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas of Northampton County.

Respectfully submitted,


LAVIN, COLEMAN, O'NEIL, RICCI
FINARELLI & GRAY

BY: 

Edward T. Finch, Esquire
Attorney for Defendants,
DaimlerChrysler Corporation,
Ford Motor Company and
General Motors Corporation

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Edward T. Finch, Esquire, hereby certify that pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d) written notice of the removal of this action will be promptly given to all adverse parties and a copy of the Notice of Removal will be filed with the Court of Common Pleas.



Edward T. Finch, Esquire